

Department Reports

MATTAMUSKEET SENIOR CENTER

Manager's Monthly Report

March, 2017

Participants on Meals-On-Wheels	Swan Quarter	Fairfield	Engelhard	Matt. Village	Ocracoke	TOTAL
	4	3	5	2	7	21
Total Meals-on-Wheels Served	440					
Congregate Meals Served	309					
Participants served for Congregate	21					
Attendance to center for activities, (crafts, exercise, meals, meetings, etc.)	414					

Hyde County DSS Programs
Month of March 2017

Income Maintenance Programs	Active Cases	Applications Processed	Reviews/Redetermination	Other Changes
Medicaid	1212	51	75	25
Long Term Care MAA & MAD	39			
Food Stamps	469	21	52	14
Work First	9	1	0	
Total	1,729	72	127	39
Medicaid Transportation Program	Transported	Gas	Vouchers	Active Cases
Medicaid	27	76	1	291
Dialysis	1	0	0	0
Title III	3	14	0	55
Total	31	90	1	346
Child Protected Services	Reports	Ongoing	Unsubstantiated	Screened out
	5	3	0	3
				Referred to Law 0
Adult Services (Ongoing)	Active CAP Cases	SA In Home		
	13	4		
Crisis Intervention	Applications Taken	Approved	Denied	
	12			
Medication Assistance	Applications Taken	Approved	Denied	
	4	4		
Daycare Services	Mainland	Ocracoke	out of county	
Cases	2	5	2	
Children	6	5	2	

Reviews/Redetermination processed monthly

Cap cases have daily, weekly and monthly contacts

Reviews done every six months

Hyde County DSS Programs
Month of March 2017

	Requested	Approved	Denied	Assistance from other Sources
Fishing License				
Christmas Cheer	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
LIEAP				

Reviews/Redetermination processed monthly
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Child Support Services
Services and Activities Report
For the period
April 2017

NC CHILD SUPPORT IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON A REVISED CHILD SUPPORT APPLICATION. THE NEW APPLICATION WILL BE 24 PAGES LONG (12 IF DUPLEXED). THE NEW APPLICATION WILL CONTAIN QUESTIONS AND ASK FOR INFORMATION THAT SOMETIMES WAS LEFT OFF IN PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS AND DURING INTERVIEWS. SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS INCLUDE "HOW MANY OTHER CHILDREN ARE IN YOUR HOME", INDICATE ANY SPECIAL NEEDS OF THE CHILD, A PLACE TO INDICATE THE TYPE OF ASSISTANCE THE CLIENT IS RECEIVING, AND A MORE DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW TO COMPLETE THAT APPLICATION AND THE SERVICES OUR AGENCY PROVIDES. AS A FORMER ESTABLISHMENT WORKER, I AM EXCITED ABOUT THIS NEW APPLICATION. I AM HOPING THAT IT WILL MAKE OUR ESTABLISHMENT PROCESS MORE THOROUGH AND EFFECTIVE.

POLICY AND TRAINING IS ALSO FINALIZING AN UPDATED ONLINE APPLICATION. WITH THIS PROCESS, THE APPLICANT CAN COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE APPLICATION ONLINE AND DIRECT IT TO WHICHEVER CHILD SUPPORT OFFICE THEY DESIRE. THERE IS NO COUNTY RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR AN APPLICANT. THEY CAN CHOOSE WHICH COUNTY THEY WHICH TO HANDLE THEIR CHILD SUPPORT CASE. IF AN ONLINE APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED, THE ASSIGNED AGENT WILL RECEIVE A WORKLIST LETTING THEM KNOW THEY HAVE RECEIVED AN ONLINE APPLICATION. ALL THE DETAILS ARE STILL BEING WORKED OUT BUT WILL HOPEFULLY BE COMPLETED SOON MAKING OUR AVAILABILITY OF SERVICES EVEN MORE CONVENIENT FOR OUR CLIENTS.

**HYDE COUNTY
CHILD SUPPORT UNIT
FY 2016-2017
STATISTICAL REPORT**

	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	YTD Totals	FY 2015-2016
total caseload	178	176	175	173	174	174	173	173	172				175	183
ESTABLISHMENT														
paternity tests performed	0		0	1	0	0	0	0	0				1	0
ENFORCEMENT														
withholding														
interstate collections	\$11,746	\$14,519	\$13,246	\$14,282	\$12,668	\$12,424	\$12,522	\$11,653	\$13,718				\$91,406	\$168,534
court collections	\$2,690	\$1,596	\$1,605	\$1,416	\$1,537	\$1,643	\$2,277	\$1,550	\$1,314				\$12,764	\$22,931
tax intercept collections	\$1,300	\$600	\$407	\$1,000	\$550	\$1,300	\$400	\$600	\$2,450				\$5,557	\$11,588
insurance	\$0	\$714	\$4,276	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,668				\$4,990	\$22,279
incentive collections*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$116	\$87	\$0				\$116	\$450
IV-E foster care collections	\$0	\$15	\$15	\$296	\$296	\$325	\$296	\$296	\$350				\$1,243	\$4,105
total collections	\$20,606	\$23,122	\$25,709	\$21,337	\$20,429	\$21,750	\$20,973	\$19,289	\$26,973				\$153,926	\$296,017
rs serviced	1	3	2	2	2	0	2	3	0				12	45

*incentives consist of: TANF Share, IV-E Share, SFHF Share, Incentive, Settlement funds, Tax Intercept Fees, Paternity Test Fees, and Legal Fees

HYDE COUNTY

SOIL & WATER



CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BUSINESS PLAN
ACCOMPLISHMENTS
FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2017

FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUSINESS PLAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS
FOR THE
HYDE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
AND
USDA -NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE STAFF

ORGANIZATION

The District is a governmental subdivision of the State, a public body corporate and politic, organized in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 139 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and is subject to the powers and restrictions as set forth in G.S. 139. Under this law, the District has the responsibility of conserving soil, water, and related natural resources within the District boundary. (When districts were first organized in 1937, their main responsibility was the control of soil erosion caused by water and wind.) The District board is made up of five supervisors: three elected (J.W. Spencer, Daren Hubers and Darren Armstrong) and two appointed (Earl O'Neal and Chad Spencer). The Board meets monthly to handle current business and stay up to date on environmental matters.

Annual and long-range programs of conservation and development within the District boundaries are developed and carried out with the assistance of local, state, and federal agencies. The Long-Range Program and Work Plan was updated in 2013. The North Carolina Agriculture Cost Share Program (initiated in 1984 as a pilot program and gradually extended to all counties) has been a great initiative to encourage landowners and landusers to apply best management practices (BMPs). The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, working through a Mutual Agreement, is a major source of assistance. This agreement enables the District to furnish technical service to individuals, groups, and other agencies and units of government.

DISTRICT SERVICES

The public is encouraged to use the assistance provided on request through the Hyde Soil and Water Conservation District. Assistance is generally provided without charge and without regard to race, color, sex, age, religion or national origin. The Hyde SWCD, with the assistance from USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, offers county residents/landowners the following:

1. Consultative Assistance
2. Technical and Financial Assistance to Land Users
3. Technical Assistance to Units of Government
4. Informational and Educational Programs

FY 2017 BUSINESS PLAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS
FOR THE
HYDE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
AND
USDA-NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

GOALS:

1. **HIGH QUALITY, PRODUCTIVE SOILS** – The quality of intensively used soils is maintained or enhanced to enable sustained production of a safe, healthy and abundant food supply.
2. **CLEAN AND ABUNDANT WATER** – The quality of surface water and groundwater is improved and maintained to protect human health, support a healthy environment, and encourage a productive landscape. Additionally, water is conserved and protected to ensure an abundant and reliable supply for Hyde County.
3. **HEALTHY PLANT AND ANIMAL COMMUNITIES** – Grassland, rangeland and forest ecosystems are productive, diverse, and resilient; working lands and waters provide habitat for diverse and healthy wildlife, aquatic species, and plant communities; and, wetlands provide quality habitat for migratory birds and other wildlife, protect water quality, and reduce flood damages.
4. **CLEAN AIR** – Agriculture makes a positive contribution to local air quality and the Nation's efforts to sequester carbon.
5. **AN ADEQUATE ENERGY SUPPLY** - Agricultural activities conserve energy and agricultural lands are a source of environmentally sustainable biofuels and renewable energy.
6. **WORKING FARMS AND RANCH LANDS** – Connected landscapes sustain a viable agricultural sector and natural resource quality.
7. **ENSURING CIVIL RIGHTS** – Establish an equal opportunity standard for excellence through a highly skilled workforce that is diverse at all levels and ensures a commitment to equal access to NRCS programs and services.
8. **IMPROVING INTERNAL MANAGEMENT** – Establish internal business processes that enable efficient program operations to provide high quality customer service and make effective use of the public investment.
9. **HUMAN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT** – Manage human capital strategically to ensure the right skills in the right location to deliver high quality products and services.
10. **ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT** – Make effective use of Internet-based technology to provide customer focused service.
11. **FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE** - Improve the quality and timeliness of Federal financial information.
12. **BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE INTEGRATION** - Use performance information to manage activities and programs, justify requests for funds on the basis of the performance expected, and continually improve the efficiency of operations and program.

FY 2017 BUSINESS PLAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS
FOR THE
HYDE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
AND
USDA-NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

DISTRICT GOALS:

13. WORK WITH OTHER AGENCIES AND GROUPS TO PROMOTE CONSERVATION – Establish good working relationships in order to maximize conservation efforts.
14. CONTINUE AND STRENGTHEN INFORMATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS – Public education promotes conservation awareness.

GOAL 1. HIGH QUALITY, PRODUCTIVE SOILS – The quality of intensively used soils is maintained or enhanced to enable sustained production of a safe, healthy and abundant food supply.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Accomplished</u>
1. Assist customers to apply conservation practices that improve soil quality on 3,000 acres using NCACSP and EQIP.	Staff	July-June	Improved soil quality on 658 acres as of 5/12/16.
2. Develop conservation plans on 2,500 acres.	Staff	July-June	Developed plans on 414 acres as of 5/12/16.
3. Continue support of Swan Quarter Watershed Project to control salt water intrusion on	Supervisors & Staff	July-June	Annual Inspection on 11/22/2016

GOAL 2. CLEAN AND ABUNDANT WATER – The quality of surface and groundwater is improved and maintained to protect human health, support a healthy environment, and encourage a productive landscape. Additionally, water is conserved and protected to ensure an abundant and reliable supply for Hyde County.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Accomplished</u>
1. Administer N.C. Agriculture Cost Share Program in Hyde County.	Supervisors & Staff	July-June	\$46,026.00 in funds
2. Conduct five percent spotchecks of BMPs installed through the NCACSP since PY 2003 Conservation Tour.	Supervisors & Staff	January	Spot Check tour held February 7, 2017
3. Promote Precision Ag Practices in EQIP.	Woolard	Oct. – Feb.	Accomplished Between Jan .2015 to Feb. 2015
4. Publicize NCACSP allocation for Hyde County.	Woolard Cahoon	October	Published in Annual Report & Hyde Happenings August 2016
5. Review NCACSP applications and address needs as funding permits while addressing priorities as set in Strategy Plan.	Supervisors & Staff	Monthly	At SWCD mtgs on Sept., Dec. & March
6. Formulate plans and send NCACAP forms to Division.	Brinn	January-April	Completed 5/31/17
7. Draft NCACSP Strategy Plan for FY 2017.	Supervisors	May	Completed 5/9/17
8. Perform monitoring reports on WRP easements.	Woolard	September	Completed by Brinn and Hester
9. Make wetland determinations/delineations as requested for FSA as required by the Farm Bill.	Woolard	July-June	Ongoing
10. Fulfill CREP Agreement with DENR.	Hester Cahoon	July-June	Annually

11. Invoice DSWC semi-annually or quarterly for CREP reimbursement.

Cahoon

December
June

Quarterly as needed

GOAL 3. HEALTHY PLANT AND ANIMAL COMMUNITIES – Grassland, rangeland and forest ecosystems are productive, diverse, and resilient; working lands and waters provide habitat for diverse and healthy wildlife, aquatic species, and plant communities; and, wetlands provide quality habitat for migratory birds and other wildlife, protect water quality, and reduce flood damages.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Accomplished</u>
1. Monitor the WRP Program	Woolard Brinn	October	Ongoing
2. Promote CP-33 practice in CRP.	Hester	July-June	Ongoing
3. Keep Tar-Pamlico Local Advisory Committee active and keep County Commissioners informed.	Woolard Brinn	July-June	LAC mtg.held 3/28/17
4. Assist land users to obtain wildlife planting materials.	Staff	July-June	Ongoing

GOAL 4. CLEAN AIR – Agriculture makes a positive contribution to local air quality and the Nation's efforts to sequester carbon.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Accomplished</u>
1. Continue to promote the use and adoption of long term no-till to reduce greenhouse emissions and increase carbon sequestration.	Woolard	Ongoing	Ongoing
2. Continue to promote tree planting practices through CRP on marginal cropland.	Hester	Ongoing	Ongoing

GOAL 5. AN ADEQUATE ENERGY SUPPLY – Agricultural activities conserve energy and agricultural lands are a source of environmentally sustainable biofuels and renewable energy.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Accomplished</u>
1. Continue to promote the use and adoption of long term no-till to reduce energy consumption.	Woolard	Ongoing	Ongoing

GOAL 6. WORKING FARMS AND RANCH LANDS – Connected landscapes sustain a viable agricultural sector and natural resource quality.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Accomplished</u>
1. Support efforts to create a Vountary Ag District	Supervisors	July-June	Ongoing
2. Hold easements for customers that want to preserve farms through the N.C. Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund.	Supervisors	July-June	Ongoing

GOAL 7. ENSURING CIVIL RIGHTS – Establish an equal opportunity standard for excellence through a highly skilled workforce that is diverse at all levels and ensures a commitment to equal access to NRCS programs and services.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Accomplished</u>
1. Review Mutual, Operational, and Cooperative Working Agreements annually and incorporate discussion of EEO and CR opportunities and the benefits of diversity.	Woolard	May	Performed at 05/09/17 District mtg.
2. Maintain Civil Rights Compliance Folder and Outreach Plan.	Woolard	July- June	Ongoing
3. Review EEO and CR policy and responsibilities with staff at regular staff meetings.	Woolard	July-June	Ongoing
4. Review PRS parity reports monthly and make adjustments in servicing as necessary to maintain parity.	Woolard	July-June	Ongoing
5. Contact all minority cooperators and landowners about conservation programs through Outreach activities.	Woolard	July	Ongoing
6. Seek updated list of minority landowners from FSA	Woolard	July	Ongoing
7. Send letter on available services and programs to minority leaders.	Woolard	July	Ongoing

GOAL 8. IMPROVING INTERNAL MANAGEMENT – Establish internal business processes that enable efficient program operations to provide high quality customer service and make effective use of the public investment.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Accomplished</u>
1. Report progress in PRS as practices are certified.	Woolard Hester	Ongoing	Throughout year
2. Review PRS.	Woolard	Monthly	Throughout year
3. Correct PRS errors.	Woolard	Monthly	Throughout year
4. Discuss workload and schedules.	Staff	Weekly	Weekly
5. Hold Staff Meetings.	Woolard	Monthly	As needed
6. Attend all DC Meetings.	Woolard	Quarterly	Ongoing
7. Attend all Department Head Meetings.	Cahoon	Monthly	Once a Month

GOAL 9. HUMAN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT – Manage human capital strategically to ensure the right skills in the right location to deliver high quality products and services.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Accomplished</u>
1. Use TSPs for nutrient and pest management plan development.	Woolard	Ongoing	Continued use of TSPs in Prec Ag Practices
2. Attend all required training.	Staff	Ongoing	Strategy Plan 3/29/17 & NCACSP Training 2/15/17
3. Review technical work of each employee during Quality Assurance and Spot Check processes.	Woolard	Ongoing	Accomplished

GOAL 10. ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT – Make effective use of Internet-based technology to provide customer-focused service.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Accomplished</u>
1. Study new computer forms for NCACSP.	Cahoon	July	Ongoing
2. Website created for District and updated As needed.	Cahoon	July-June	Ongoing

GOAL 11. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE – Improve the quality and timeliness of Federal financial information.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Accomplished</u>
1. Submit Requests for Payment as soon as possible and no later than the same month as received.	Woolard Cahoon	July-June	Ongoing

GOAL 12. BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE INTEGRATION – Use performance information to manage activities and Programs, justify requests for funds on the basis of the performance expected, and continually improve the efficiency of operations and program.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Accomplished</u>
1. Provide PRS data for SWCD accomplishments to County Manager.	Cahoon	As requested.	April 11, 2017 & May 1, 2017

GOAL 13. WORK WITH OTHER AGENCIES AND GROUPS TO PROMOTE CONSERVATION – Establish good working relationships in order to maximize conservation efforts.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Accomplished</u>
1. Work with FSA and CE to get important information in their newsletters.	Woolard Cahoon	June-July	Ongoing
2. Attend area and state association meetings for soil and water conservation districts.	Supervisors	November January February	Nov. 10th, 2016 January 8 th -11, 2017 February 16, 2017
3. Continue working with Pete Campbell, Mattamuskeet NWR Manager to stabilize NC 94 across Lake Mattamuskeet.	Supervisors	June-July	Ongoing
4. Establish Beaver Control Program for Hyde County.	Supervisors	September-November	Established 2009
5. Attend local work group meetings as needed and review plans for CREP, CRP, EQIP, and CSP.	Supervisors	Monthly	LWG meeting on 9/20/16
6. Receive updates on the RC&D Program and work to make the following measures realities.	Charles Tooley	Quarterly	Ongoing

-Matchapungo Park (Mattamuskeet Foundation)
-Countywide Drainage Study

- Alligator Weed & Phragmites Spraying
- Longterm Maintenance of West and Quarter Canals
- CWMTF Project for Fairfield Drainage District

GOAL 14 CONTINUE AND STRENGTHEN INFORMATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS – Public education promotes conservation awareness.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Accomplished</u>
1. Sponsor Annual Environmental Field Days for all fourth graders in the County.	Staff	November	October 26 th , 2016
2. Conduct poster contest among third through sixth graders in the County & Ocracoke Island	Cahoon	March-April	Feb-March 2017
3. Install repaired sign on NC 94 near Fairfield Bridge	Staff	October- December	Ongoing
4. Encourage Envirothon participation.	Staff	August	January 2017 2 MS & 2 HS
5. Sponsor student attendance to Resource Conservation Workshop.	Supervisors	June	March 3, 2017 Career Day @ MHS
6. Publish quarterly newsletters and annual report.	Cahoon	July-June	Posted on Website & mailed to Cooperators
7. Recognize Soil Stewardship Week.	Cahoon	April	April 13 th , 2017 @ Hyde Heritage Day
8. Co-sponsor HYDE Seek & Discover Day Camp with Hyde County 4-H , Hyde Co. Health Dept.& Mattamuskeet National Refuge	Staff	June	June 12-15th, 2017 Mattamuskeet Refuge

Adopted this ____, day of **May 2017**, the Hyde Soil and Water Conservation District's Business Plan for Fiscal Year **2017**.

J.W. Spencer, Chairman

Earl O'Neal, Secretary-Treasurer

Supplemental Information

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING
RESTORATION TO COUNTIES OF THE STATUTORILY AUTHORIZED 40%
APPROPRIATION OF LOTTERY FUNDS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 18C of the North Carolina General Statutes “the North Carolina State Lottery Act and the 2005 Appropriations Act was signed into law establishing the North Carolina Education Lottery. The act created the nine member North Carolina Lottery Commission to initiate, supervise and administer the education lottery”; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Education Lottery was promoted and supported on the basis of proceeds enhancing local governments’ ability to adequately provide for education expenses; and

WHEREAS, the distribution to counties budgeted from proceeds in FY 2015-2016 has been drastically reduced to \$100 million in contrast to \$208 million at the previous statutory funding rate of 40%, which amounted to \$221,985 in Cherokee County in contrast to \$468,760 at the 40% rate; and

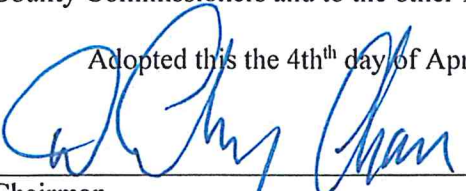
WHEREAS, pursuant to state law, the lottery funds that are allocated to the counties can be used for education for capital outlay projects, including the planning, construction, enlargement, improvement, repair, or renovation of public school buildings and for the purchase of land for public school buildings or for equipment to implement a local school technology plan (NCGS 115-546.2); and

WHEREAS, it is extremely difficult for the Boards of Commissioners and Boards of Education across this State to plan for school buildings and for technology equipment with the reduction of lottery funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests that the Governor and the North Carolina General Assembly support the allocation to counties at their statutorily authorized portion of educational lottery funds to be used for capital needs and technology.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution are forwarded to the Local Legislative Delegation to the North Carolina General Assembly, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and to the other 99 North Carolina counties.

Adopted this the 4thth day of April, 2017.


Chairman


Asst Clerk to the Board

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Rachel B. Hammer

**Resolution Requesting Restoration to Counties of the Statutorily Authorized
Appropriation of Lottery Funds**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 18C of the North Carolina General Statutes, the "North Carolina State Lottery Act and the 2005 Appropriations Act was signed into law establishing the North Carolina Education Lottery. The act created the nine-member North Carolina Lottery Commission to initiate, supervise and administer the education lottery;" and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Education Lottery was promoted and supported on the basis of proceeds enhancing local governments' ability to adequately provide for education expenses; and

WHEREAS, the distribution to Counties budgeted from proceeds in FY2015-16 has been drastically reduced to \$100 million in contrast to \$208 million at the previous statutory funding rate of 40%, which amounted to \$581,908 in Carteret County in contrast to \$1,210,369 at the 40% rate; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to State law, the lottery funds that are allocated to the Counties can be used for education for capital outlay projects, including the planning, construction, enlargement, improvement, repair, or renovation of public school buildings and for the purchase of land for public school buildings or equipment to implement a local school technology plan (NCGS 115-546.2); and

WHEREAS, it is extremely difficult for the Boards of Commissioners and Boards of Education across the State to plan for improvements in school buildings and for technology equipment with the reduction of lottery funds,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Carteret County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests that the Governor and the North Carolina General Assembly support the allocation to Counties at their statutorily authorized portion of educational lottery funds to be used for capital needs and technology.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution are forwarded to the Local Legislative Delegation to the North Carolina General Assembly, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and to the other 99 North Carolina Counties.

Adopted this the 17th day of April, 2017.


Mark Mansfield, Chairman

ATTEST:



Rachel Hammer, Clerk to the Board





MARY P. HUNNICUTT
CLERK TO BOARD

W. FRANK HEATH, III
COUNTY MANAGER

PERQUIMANS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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A RESOLUTION REQUESTING RESTORATION TO COUNTIES OF THE STATUTORILY AUTHORIZED APPROPRIATION OF LOTTERY FUNDS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 18C of the North Carolina General Statutes "the North Carolina State Lottery Act and the 2005 Appropriations Act was signed into law establishing the North Carolina Education Lottery. The act created the nine member North Carolina Lottery Commission to initiate, supervise and administer the education lottery"; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Education Lottery was promoted and supported on the basis of proceeds enhancing local governments' ability to adequately provide for education expenses; and

WHEREAS, the distribution to counties budgeted from proceeds in FY 2016-2017 has been drastically reduced to \$100 million in contrast to \$208 million at the previous statutory funding rate of 40%, which amounts to \$116,158 in Perquimans County in contrast to \$241,608 at the 40% rate; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to state law, the lottery funds that are allocated to the counties can be used for education for capital outlay projects, including the planning, construction, enlargement, improvement, repair, or renovation of public school buildings and for the purchase of land for public school buildings or for equipment to implement a local school technology plan (NCGS 115-546.2); and

WHEREAS, it is extremely difficult for the Boards of Commissioners and Boards of Education across this State to plan for improvements in school buildings and for technology equipment with the reduction of lottery funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests that the Governor and the North Carolina General Assembly support the allocation to counties at their previous statutorily authorized portion of educational lottery funds to be used for capital needs and technology.

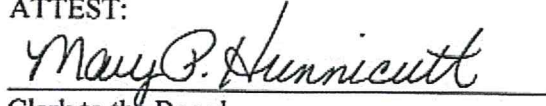
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners fully supports the current SB 234, which would allocate additional lottery funds to Tier 1 & 2 counties, on a grant basis, for school capital construction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution are forwarded to the Local Legislative Delegation to the North Carolina General Assembly, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and to the other 99 North Carolina counties.

Adopted this the 3rd day of April, 2017.


T. Kyle Jones, Chairman
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Clerk to the Board



Perquimans County's Vision:

To be a community of opportunity in which to live, learn, work, prosper and play.



MARY P. HUNNICUTT
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COUNTY ATTORNEY

April 3, 2017

Mr. Sammy Corbett
North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission
P.O. Box 769
Morehead City, NC 28557

Re: Petition for Rulemaking

Dear Mr. Corbett:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners. At their April 3, 2017 regular meeting, the Board voted to send this letter that supports Hyde County's Resolution recommending that the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Committee (MFC) deny the Petition for Rulemaking submitted by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation that proposes to designate the internal coastal and near oceanic waters of North Carolina special secondary nursery areas. The rules proposed in the Petition would close the internal coastal waters and near-shore oceanic waters of North Carolina to trawling unless opened by the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), establish a shrimp size for shrimp trawling season to open, establish a more restrictive head rope size for shrimp trawls, create a trawl tow time for shrimp trawling, further restrict the taking of shrimp to daylight hours and three days per week, require the use of two DMF certified bycatch reduction devices in shrimp trawls, and create a recreational size limit of 8 inches for spot and 10 inches for croaker. The passage of this amendment would substantially affect the North Carolina residents, tourists, restaurants, and seafood retail.

A copy of the letter of support for Hyde County's Resolution opposing the Petition for Rulemaking will be forwarded to Governor Elect Roy Cooper, our Legislative Delegation, and each county in the State of North Carolina.

Sincerely yours,



T Kyle Jones, Chairman

TKJ/mh

cc: Representative Bob Steinburg
Senator Bill Cook
Governor Roy Cooper
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners

Tim Moore, Speak of the House
Phil Berger, President Pro Tempore
99 County Board of Commissioners

Perquimans County's Vision:

To be a community of opportunity in which to live, learn, work, prosper and play.

**Chowan County Board of Commissioners Resolution
Supporting Sales Tax Refund/Exemption for Public Schools**

WHEREAS, from 1998 until 2005, local boards of education were able to provide additional educational opportunities with savings from State and local sales and use tax refunds; and

WHEREAS, a 2005 budget provision revoked LEA sales and use tax refund authority and attempted to supplant the estimated \$33.3 million in lost revenues by authorizing a quarterly transfer of revenue to the State Public School Fund; and

WHEREAS, during the 2006 legislative session, the General Assembly reinstated local school boards' authority to apply for the local sales tax refund, but declined to do likewise with regards to the State sales tax refund; and

WHEREAS, today school districts remain one of the few public entities that cannot apply for a State sales tax refund at a cost the General Assembly's Fiscal Research Division has estimated to exceed \$40 million a year; and

WHEREAS, many other entities, including cities, counties, public universities, charter schools, private schools, and other non-profits, can apply for a State sales tax refund or exemption; and

WHEREAS, no entity in recent history, other than public schools, has lost the ability apply for a State sales tax refund or exemption; and

WHEREAS, even after a comprehensive tax reform, local boards are still excluded and are rightly troubled at being excluded from the group of entities eligible for a State sales tax refund; and

WHEREAS, one of the most problematic aspects of school districts' inability to apply for a State sales tax refund is that no alternative revenue options are available to supplant the lost funds; and

WHEREAS, county governments are already appropriating almost \$2.7 billion per year for public school operating costs and bearing the primary burden for an estimated \$8.2 billion in school facility needs; and

WHEREAS, inability to apply for a State sales tax refund is costly for districts that are building or renovating schools; and

WHEREAS, a 2009 report from the General Assembly's Joint Education Oversight Committee found that without authority to apply for a State sales tax refund many school districts are resorting to a burdensome, wasteful, and highly inefficient exercise of transferring title to their buildings to the county during the construction phase so that the county can apply for the sales tax refund on the school district's behalf; and

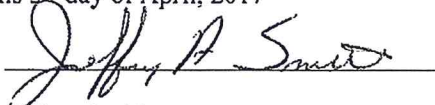
WHEREAS, the Committee found that "there are reports of significant costs related to these property transfers, and that the ability to engage in such transfers varies depending on the relationship between the school board and county commissioners;" and


WHEREAS, districts that cannot transfer their capital costs, meanwhile, have delayed necessary renovations longer than they otherwise would because of the added costs; and

WHEREAS, the end result has been a net loss to public schools statewide, with negative repercussions on classroom operations and the delivery of quality educational services across the state.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chowan County Board of Commissioners does request that public schools be treated equally as other entities. If North Carolina's tax code is going to continue to allow numerous entities, including other governmental entities, to not pay sales tax, then the Chowan County Board of Commissioners does request that local boards of education either be granted a sales tax exemption or have their sales tax refund reinstated.

Adopted this 3rd day of April, 2017


Jeffery Smith
Chairman


Susanne Stallings
Clerk



April 5, 2017

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Ms. Lois Stotesberry, Clerk to the Board
Hyde County
PO Box 188
Swan Quarter, NC 27885

Dear Ms. Stotesberry:

The Albemarle Commission Area Agency on Aging (AAA) is in need of two appointed representatives on our Regional Advisory Council (RAC). You may wish to consider Ms. Jan Moore as one of the two representatives. Ms. Moore currently attends the meetings as a Senior Tar Heel Delegate.

The RAC meets quarterly to give direction and guidance to the AAA's efforts in serving the senior population in Hyde County. The primary purpose of this council is to serve as advocates for older adults, their caregivers and their families living within the service area of the Albemarle Commission as specified by the Older American's Act. This group is primarily responsible for providing guidance and input in our four-year area plan to serve older adults in Northeast North Carolina. As we begin evaluating needs for our new four-year plan, having representation from Hyde County is essential.

Appointment length to this council can vary based on the county preference, but should be no less than a two-year term.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 252-426-5753 ext. 224. I thank you in advance for your assistance.

Most Sincerely,

Laura Alvarico, Director
Albemarle Commission Area Agency on Aging

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



A RESOLUTION REQUESTING RESTORATION to COUNTIES of the STATUTORILY AUTHORIZED APPROPRIATION of LOTTERY FUNDS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 18C of the North Carolina Statutes "the North Carolina State Lottery Act and the 2005 Appropriations Act was signed into law establishing the North Carolina Education Lottery. The act created the nine (9) member North Carolina Lottery Commission to initiate, supervise and administer the education lottery"; **and**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Education Lottery was promoted and supported on the basis of proceeds enhancing local governments' ability to adequately provide for education expenses; **and**

WHEREAS, the distribution to counties budgeted from proceeds in FY 2016-2017 has been drastically reduced to \$100 million in contrast to \$208 million at the previous statutory funding rate of 40%, which amounts to \$556,475 in Columbus County in contrast to \$1,175,135 at the 40% rate; **and**

WHEREAS, pursuant to state law, the lottery funds that are allocated to the counties can be used for education for capital outlay projects, including the planning, construction, enlargement, improvement, repair, or renovation of public school buildings and for the purchase of land for public school buildings or for equipment to implement a local school technology plan (NCGS 115-546.2); **and**

WHEREAS, it is extremely difficult for the Boards of Commissioners and Boards of Education across this State to plan for improvements in school buildings and for technology equipment with the reduction of lottery funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of County Commissioners respectfully requests that the Governor and the North Carolina General Assembly support the allocation to counties at their previous statutorily authorized portion of educational lottery funds to be used for capital needs and technology.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Columbus County Board of Commissioners fully supports the current SB 234, which would allocate additional lottery funds to Tier 1 and 2 counties, on a grant basis, for school capital construction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution are forwarded to the Local Legislative Delegation to the North Carolina General Assembly, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and to the other 99 North Carolina counties.

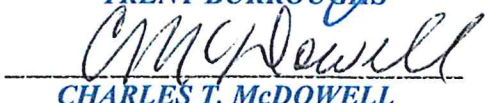
ADOPTED this the 17th day of April, 2017.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman


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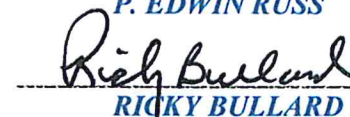

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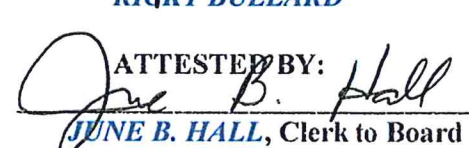

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RICKY BULLARD

ATTESTED BY:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

Lois Stotesberry

From: Bill Rich <brich@hydecourtnc.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 9:24 PM
To: Rjohnson@hydecourtnc.gov; 'Lois Stotesberry'
Cc: Kris Noble
Subject: FW: Ocracoke Occupancy Tax/ Ocracoke Airport Advisory Committee

Please include this under information. Thanks.

From: Info at Captain's Landing [<mailto:info@thecaptainslanding.com>]
Sent: Sunday, April 23, 2017 2:39 PM
To: Bill Rich
Cc: george Chamberlin
Subject: Ocracoke Occupancy Tax/ Ocracoke Airport Advisory Committee

Bill,

I am using our travel lap top while we are in Raleigh for a few days so please respond to my home address-george@thecaptainslanding.com as we will return by Tuesday night. Also, please share my thoughts, if you will, with the County Commissioners as I would appreciate their input and thoughts regarding my comments.

The Occupancy Tax Board and Decisions:

I realize you and the Commissioners may have already decided on the distribution of funds for this coming year but after listening to the requests from the now many individuals and organizations for the dollars available, I have concluded that perhaps the County, in order to fulfill its fiduciary responsibilities, may wish to consider the following:

1. A few of the requests from individuals or organizations may fall into a category where lending money derived from Occupancy taxes is proper instead of merely giving it away. I do not know the limitations of the trust or law but perhaps expanding the scope of distributing the funds should be considered in order to extend the value of the Occupancy Tax Trust.
2. A request for funds for such short sighted or frivolous projects as fireworks that do not promote the public good should be dismissed out of hand and referred to private donations lest others at local and state levels consider such requests as irresponsible. To spend that much money in such a short period of time for a very few people defies logic.
3. Considering what could be done with financing additional community projects such as care for the elderly, expanding health and EMT services, fire equipment and other worthy causes should be reviewed with a joint commission of County and Ocracoke members that could put a fresh face on how we can improve the well being and appearance of the village and its inhabitants as well as reviewing the Occupancy Tax law itself with a goal of improving and expanding its use for the benefit of Ocracoke's residents and visitors.

The Ocracoke Airport and Advisory Board:

With the help of the NPS and DOT-Aviation we have managed to improve the Ocracoke Airstrip-or Airport as I prefer to title it- with a Helipad, better facilities and even a website. The Helipad has and continues to save lives. The ramp and runway are improved and safer. But much more has been promised and needed but not delivered. We were promised a long range plan that included better facilities, a longer runway, a weather station and even more security. As of now, I am not aware that any of that is being done and the security of the facility is at risk regarding unauthorized use and aircraft accidents or incidents which should be of concern to all

parties including the FAA. Also, please consider that an improved and safely managed facility improves tourism and the bottom line for Ocracoke and Hyde County.

As to the Ocracoke Advisory Board, I suggest that it be officially disbanded as most of the members have either moved, become disabled or died and further progress could be achieved by appointing an official county individual to work with the NPS and DOT-Aviation on the specific problems.

I appreciate your time and thoughts on both topics.

Best wishes,
George Chamberlin
george@thecaptainslanding.com
252/588-0020 [cell]



**RESOLUTION
OPPOSING SUNDAY HUNTING OF WATERFOWL**

WHEREAS, the coastal areas of northeastern North Carolina are desirable for hunting of migratory waterfowl; and

WHEREAS, waterfowl hunting is a vital part of the life, heritage, and culture of the region and contributes to the State's economy, promotes tourism, and provides recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 559 and Senate Bill 624 introduced in the North Carolina Legislature would empower the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission to adopt permanent rules regarding Sunday hunting of migratory birds; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation to allow Sunday waterfowl hunting would have serious adverse consequences on the coastal areas of northeastern North Carolina by significantly reducing the total number of hunting weeks and severely impacting North Carolina's waterfowl resource; and

WHEREAS, Sunday hunting for waterfowl is not comparable to Sunday hunting for other game species due to their migratory nature; and

WHEREAS, States that do not allow Sunday hunting receive Compensatory Days from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to bring the State up to the same number of allowed hunting days; and

WHEREAS, if Sunday hunting were permitted, North Carolina would lose these important Compensatory Days thereby significantly reducing the total number of waterfowl hunting weeks and decreasing the time-frame of its waterfowl season; and


WHEREAS, Sunday hunting will intensify hunting impact in a reduced timeframe causing serious consequences on the resource by taking away a rest period that is vital to the migratory waterfowl that frequent North Carolina's coastal areas; and

WHEREAS, allowing Sunday hunting will severely reduce access to our waterfowl resource, cause economic harm to coastal counties, and jeopardize the future of waterfowl hunting in North Carolina.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dare County Board of Commissioners opposes any legislation that would allow Sunday hunting of migratory waterfowl in North Carolina.

Adopted this the 24th day of April, 2017.




Robert Woodard, Chairman

ATTEST:


Gary Lee Gross, Clerk to the Board

Ribbon cut for state's first consolidated 911 center

By MARY HELEN
GOODLOE-MURPHY

On a gorgeous spring day, dignitaries cut the ribbon to open the state's first consolidated Regional Emergency 911 Communications Center and Dare County Emergency Operations Center.

Leading the ceremonies, Dare County Board of Commissioners Chairman Robert L. Woodard called it a privilege to build the first consolidated 911 facility, filled with state-of-the-art equipment for telecommunicators.

Richard Taylor, executive director of the NC 911 Board, praised the collaborative and cooperative spirit of the leadership in Dare, Tyrrell and Hyde counties for pursuing the regional center. He called the new facility "the absolute best."

Leroy Spivey, chairman of the Tyrrell County Board of Commissioners, said he was "pleased to participate in this historic event . . . We welcome the opportunity to work with sister counties. We're setting a precedent throughout the state."

Earl Pugh, chairman of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners, said he was grateful to partners and that a strong relationship had been

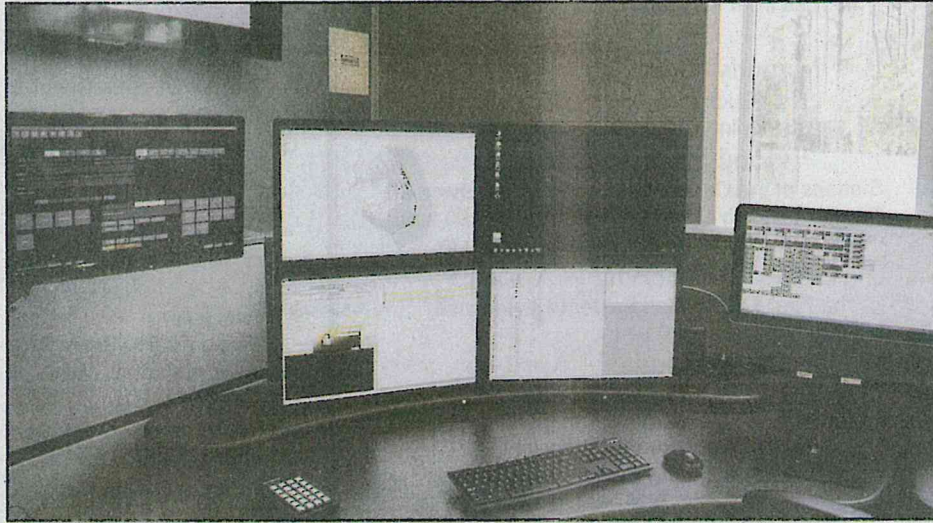
forged.

The decision to join the regional facility "was not lightly taken" by the Hyde County Board of Commis-

sioners, said Pugh. After evaluating the options, the partnership provided a tremendous opportunity to pool resources.

Dare County Sheriff Doug Doughtie, Tyrrell County Sheriff Darryl Liverman and Hyde County Sheriff Guire
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A console



A TELECOMMUNICATOR sees, from left, a screen showing the telephone number and address of the caller, four screens for computer aided dispatch and one screen showing paging for EMS, law enforcement and fire and rescue responders. Speakers below the last screen are for two-way radio communication. The light on top of the console signals green when on a call, yellow (middle) when on radio and on top is a red light for help. The desks are adjustable and can be lifted for standing up. Wires are hidden in a gray "wall" running around the console station. Heat is also expelled through vents in the "wall." Four stations are located in each of two pods. A supervisor's station is separate from the pods. Two stations are located in a training room and can be pressed into service in an emergency. (MHG-M photo)

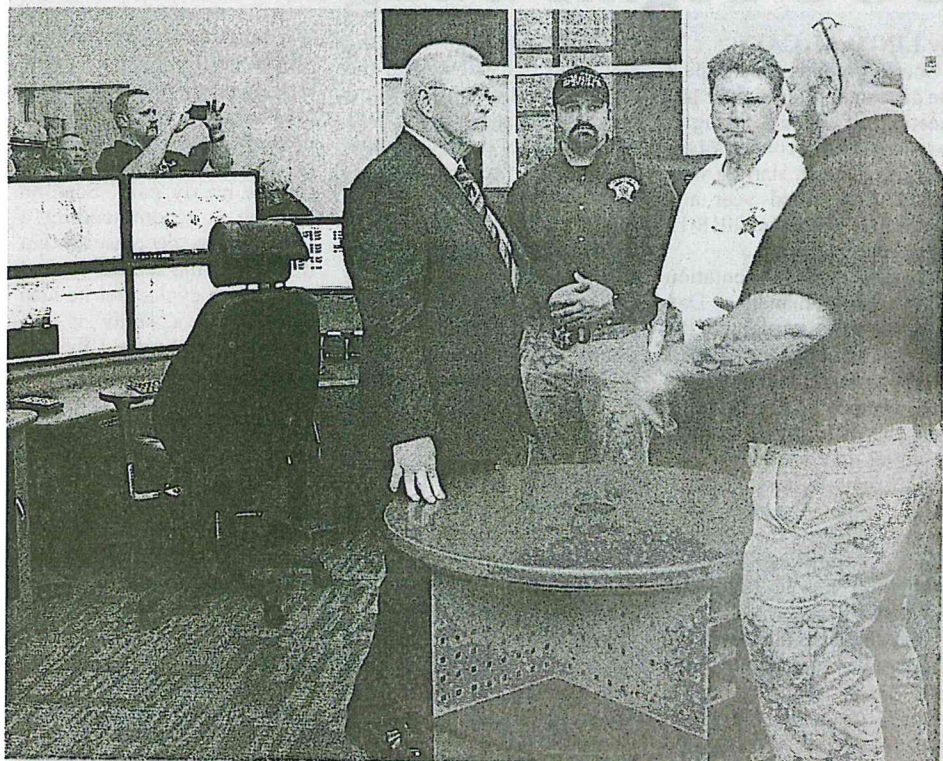
Opening new facility



DIGNITARIES from Dare, Hyde and Tyrrell counties cut the ribbon to open the Regional Emergency 911 Communications Center and Dare County's Emergency Operations Center. The new \$14 million facility will handle 911 emergency calls from the three counties.

Telecommunicators will handle an estimated 153,000 calls to 911 every year or one call every 30 seconds. The facility is the first in the state to consolidate emergency 911 communications. (MHG-M photo)

In the 911 room



AROUND A TABLE in the Regional Communications Center are, from left, Tyrrell County Sheriff Darryl Liverman, Hyde County Sheriff's Deputy Dylan West, Hyde County Sheriff Guire Cahoon and Dare County E911 Systems Administrator Talnage Willis. In the back is one of the 911 call stations. (MHG-M photo)

Gathering for opening



THE CEREMONY formally opening the new Regional Emergency 911 Communications Center and Dare County Emergency Operations Center drew elected officials from three counties and representatives from some of the 60 agencies that will deliver emergency services after the call to 911. (MHG-M photo)

911 CENTER

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Cahoon gathered at the podium. Doughtie said their jobs were the same: to protect and serve. "That's what we're doing here."

Dare County manager Robert L. Outten said telecommunications and the county's emergency opera-

tions center started 30 years ago in a metal building and then 20 years ago moved to the second floor of the Dare County Detention Center. He called those conditions "grossly inadequate" and labeled the facility a "dungeon."

The project was delivered on time and on budget, reported Outten.

"A lot of work by a lot of people over a lot of time" produced the Regional Communications Center and Operations Center, said Outten.

Regional Emergency 911 Communications Center and Dare County Emergency Operations Center details

The two operations are collocated on Airport Road, Manteo, across from the North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island and next to the Dare County Regional Airport.

- 18,320 square feet
- Designed to withstand Category 4 Hurricane
- Construction Time: 14 months
- Contractor: Whiting-Turner
- Lightning Protection System
- 72,472 feet of cable
- 350 KW emergency generator
- 120 KVA Uninterruptible Power Supply

The Regional Emergency Communications Center serves 44,869 permanent residents in Dare, Tyrrell and Hyde counties. Seasonally, the center will serve 317,000 people.

Telecommunicators link to 60 agencies to deliver emergency services, including 31 fire and rescue operations, nine local law enforcement agencies, seven state or federal law enforcement agencies, four medical response services and four resource agencies. The Dare 911 operation started transferring responses Tuesday, April 4. Tyrrell and Hyde operations will follow later.

Dare County Emergency Operations Center is activated to respond to disasters such as hurricanes. When active, the facility will house representatives from agencies providing essential services. The Dare County Control Group will meet at the facility. For staff working non-stop shifts, the center is equipped with five bunk rooms, a dining area and commercial kitchen.

Emergency staff is permanently located in a suite of offices, including Dare County Emergency Medical Services administrative staff, numbering four employees, and Dare's Emergency Management staff, numbering three employees.

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Week of April 17 - Summary of Proposed Legislation Potentially Impacting Counties

The General Assembly has sprung into action after returning from a brief spring break. Legislators are moving quickly to consider bills ahead of the crossover deadline next Thursday. Several bills that have gained momentum this week would impact counties and we urge Members to stay engaged on key legislative developments.

Senate Committees Pass Bill to Allow Counties to Publish Notices Online
([SB 343/HB 432](#))

Bills Would Affect Social Service Departments (SB 594/HB 608)

Child welfare bills recently introduced include complex provisions which would change the relationship between the state and counties in administering social services. Please [click here](#) to read the extent of the proposed legislation. The Senate version of SB 594/HB 608 (Family/Child Protection & Accountability Act) passed the Senate Health Care committee with a strong voice vote while the House Homelessness, Foster Care, and Dependency committee had discussion on HB 608 but did not take a vote.

NCACC has been engaged in ongoing dialogue with lead Senate bill sponsor Sen. Tamara Barringer since early in the legislative process for the bill, and appreciates collaborating with her on an issue that could affect all counties. County commissioners and staff across the state have expressed to their legislators reservations on the social services consolidation aspect of the bill as regionalization is multi-faceted and it is difficult to ascertain the full impact of

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voice county concerns and identify possible solutions that would enable the bill sponsors to achieve their intended goal.

- *NCACC will continue the dialogue and share information with our members as it becomes available.*